

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Yasuhito TANAKA

CIP of Serial No.: 09/102,557

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For: PULLEY UNIT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO LESSEN FEES

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

--This application is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 09/102,557, filed June 23, 1998, herein incorporated in its entirety by reference.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 3 as follows:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

REMARKS

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment to the claims are requested in order to establish copendency and to eliminate multiple claim dependency and thereby reduce the filing fee.

Early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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